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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC			
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.			

<p>1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Box No. I</td> <td>Basis of the opinion</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. II</td> <td>Priority</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. III</td> <td>Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. IV</td> <td>Lack of unity of invention</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. V</td> <td>Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. VI</td> <td>Certain documents cited</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. VII</td> <td>Certain defects in the international application</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Box No. VIII</td> <td>Certain observations on the international application</td> </tr> </table>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the opinion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application
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<p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>																									
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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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☐ in computer readable form
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☐ contained in the international application as filed.
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☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 4-11	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 12, 13	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 4-5, 7-9, 11	YES
	Claims	1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: JP, 10-303072, A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 13 November, 1998 (13.11.98), the claims, Fig. 6</p> <p>Document 2: JP, 2002-25869, A (Tokin Corporation), 25 January, 2002 (25.01.02), claim 1, [0024]</p> <p>Document 3: JP, 2001-210553, A (Tokin Corporation), 3 August, 2001 (03.08.01), Fig. 1</p> <p>The subject matters of claims 1, 3, 12 and 13 are disclosed in claims and Fig. 6 of document 1 cited in the ISR and so do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step.</p> <p>The subject matter of claim 6 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 2 (claim 1 and [0024]) cited in the ISR. A person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of forming the polymer compound layer having gum elasticity disclosed in document 2 between the case and the packing of document 1.</p> <p>The subject matter of claim 10 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 and document 3 (Fig. 1) cited in the ISR. A person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of forming the projected portion of the case shown in document 1 in the case of the electric double layer capacitor of document 3.</p> <p>Since the subject matters of claims 2, 4, 5, 7-9 and 11 are neither disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art, they appear to be novel and to involve an inventive.</p>			